

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Final Office Action of June 14, 2007. This Amendment is in full response thereto.

Objection to the Drawings

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings as failing to include the label “REPLACEMENT SHEET” for Figures 1A and 1B. Applicants have contemporaneously submitted Replacement Sheets including those labels. As such, the objection should be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner’s indication of allowable subject matter for claims 12 and 13. Applicants have amended claim 9 to include all of the limitations of claim 12.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 9-11 and 14-16 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,270,061 (Bouquet) in view of either U.S. Patent No. 6,799,683 (Jounela) or U.S. Patent No. 5,643,503 (Roland). Applicants respectfully traverse because the cited references fail to disclose, teach, or suggest all of the limitations of the claim 9 as amended with the limitations of claim 12, which the examiner indicated as being directed to patentable subject matter.

In the Office Action, the Examiner also rejected claims 9-12, and 14-16 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,270,061 (Bouquet) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,712,980 (Ahlstrom). Applicants respectfully traverse because, the cited references fail to disclose, teach, or suggest all of the limitations of the claim 9 as amended with the limitations of claim 12 which the examiner indicated as being directed to patentable subject matter.

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CONCLUSION

Should the examiner believe a telephone call would expedite the prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below. It is not believed that any fee is due at this time. If that belief is incorrect, please debit deposit account number 01-1375. Also, the Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment to deposit account number 01-1375.

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